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#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Confidential business information.

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Division, Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Access to Confidential Business Information by Eastern Research Group

AGENCY: Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor, Eastern Research Group (ERG), of 14555 Avion Parkway, Suite 200, Chantilly, Virginia, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data by ERG occurred as a result of an approved waiver dated October 13, 1999, which requested granting ERG immediate access to TSCA CBI. This waiver was necessary to allow ERG to perform engineering analyses including exposure and release assessments, and identification of pollution prevention opportunities in support of all aspects of EPA decision-making.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Augustyniak, Associate Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to "those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic

Substances Control Act (TSCA)." Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

*Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register--Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

#### III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under contract number 68-W9-9085, ERG of 14555 Avion Parkway, Suite 200, Chantilly, VA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPTS) in performing engineering analyses including exposure and release assessments, and identification of pollution prevention opportunities in support of all aspects of EPA decision-making under all sections of TSCA.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W9-9085, ERG will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. ERG personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide ERG access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and ERG's Chantilly, VA site.

ERG will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their facility, provided they comply with the provisions of the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*.

Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at ERG's site, EPA will perform the required inspection of its facility, and ensure that this facility is in compliance with the Manual.

Upon completing review of the CBI materials, ERG will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 2004.

ERG personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

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Confidential business information.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for Certain Pesticide Chemicals in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket control number PF-904, must be received on or before December 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF-904 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Cynthia Giles-Parker, Fungicide Branch, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-7740; e-mail address: giles-parker.cynthia@epa.gov.